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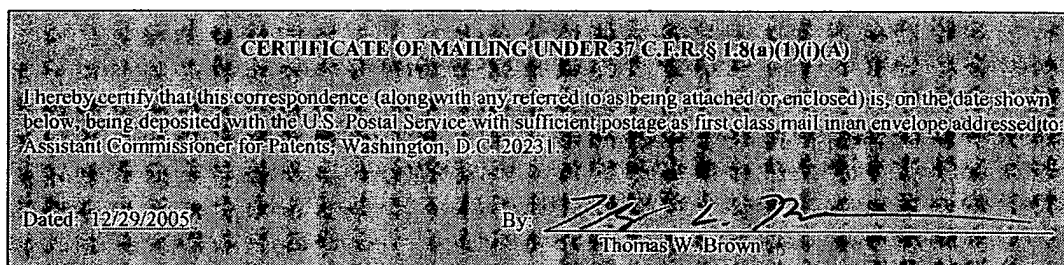
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231



Madam:

In response to the final Office Action mailed on June 29, 2005; please enter the instant Preliminary Amendment, in the prosecution of the patent application captioned above, and amend this same application as follows. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks. Filed herewith is: i) a "Request for Continued Examination and, ii) a "Petition For A Three Month Extension of Time", as provided for by 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), along with the requisite fees.

Amendments To The Claims: begin on page two of this paper.

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